EARTH FIRST!

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WE'VE GOT TO DO SOME MOTHERIN'

Civilization is a hoax. There is no form or organism in this universe that can endure in a state of imbalance. Neither populations, mentalities or solar systems. Nor can the last ten thousand years of deviancy led by patriarchial thieves who propound the morality of taking more than one gives, endure. The record of thievery from the life of the cosmos; the great forests of China, the soils of the Tigris-Euphrates Valley, the breadbasket of North Africa, the forest of Europe, and the destruction of the natural life of the American Continent is only the beginning of the dynamics of industrial civilization. Its continuing, exponential increase of biocide that reaches toward the fallacy of materialist salvation, that of power and wealth, is rapidly reaching its conclusion, biological entropy.

Each day the intellectuals count up the numbers, the bombs, the new biocidal chemicals, the GNP, and we all watch fascinated as if our lives were happening on TV. How can we continue to live inside of a social organism that is a cancer on the life of the Earth and decry the effects of it? Are we kidding ourselves? Should we go look at those numbers again? The bombs, the reactors, the chemicals, populations, greenhouse effects, cancer and schizophrenia? Are we going to plan for a college education for the kids based on the trajectory of those dynamics? And wasn't the entire power and wealth game morally bankrupt when it began?

We've been driven into the psychological program of individualism and selfishness -- social isolates -- that violates the very fundamentals of living cellular organization -- energy flow and communication. Hanging around university communities, marking time selling insurance, living on the margins of industrial society; or reverting to feudalism a la Mother Earth News and nuclear families has little to do with extricating our lives from the madhouse of civilization. If we take the tenets of civilization, psychic, social, sexual and spiritual and stand them on their head, then we would have a decent basis for a respectable and creative existence in the universe. Throwing rocks at the dying beast, negative after negative, is not worthy of our creativity or intelligence (but if you see it come staggering by and it doesn't cost you or our family much energy -- give it a kick for me).

We do not possess or desire mechanical or material power. Our power comes out of the life of the Earth our Mother. To generate the creative, we must have land base(s). We must get together as a people. Isn't it irrational to think that we can sit in an apartment in Omaha, working for IBM and send donations to environmental organizations and thereby have an effect on the history of the life of this planet? When the way one has to live and the things one has to do to generate that cash help increase the velocity of the thing that is killing the life of this planet? Must not we deal with the program of civilization conditioned into our head as well as its material energy systems?

Look at those numbers. Look at the quality of suburban life, and the end result of the destruction. Are any one of us excited about the possibilities for our

lives held out by the Trilateral Commission? The quality of our lives on a daily and moment-to-moment basis is of profound importance. Who wants a consumer credit future? Who needs the diatribes of ideology to tell us how to live when the pattern of life is imbedded in the universe and in our cellular organization and in our natures as living forms on the surface of this planet. We don't have to apologize for human nature. Our nature and power come out of the life of the earth which revolves in balance in the cosmos. It is for those who create artificial environments and live out their lives conditioned by them, to apologize to the universe.

We have creativity, intelligence, and mediums of communication. We have all the tools and we are the people. All we need is for someone to holler, "GO!" "Let's head for the hills!"

The right-wing survivalists head for the hills with their freeze dried stash of food and a rifle to save their selfish selves. But how many of us are forced into thinking in that vein? Isn't that the final bankruptcy of the power and wealth ethic that spawned this destruction? If we can't mother a new culture of love, sharing and creativity out of the ruins, won't the stash run out? How can the wilderness areas be protected in perpetuity if we don't mother a new culture. How will we turn New York City into a wilderness area if industrial materialism continues? How could we brew enough organic beer for Dave Foreman otherwise?

We have the energy, let's focus it and gather permanently on a few watersheds. Living fragmented we're just dribbling our energy out to the common entropy. Let's get real, eh?

Reserve (Reverse), New Mexico

THE GREAT EARTH FIRST! TRAVELING ROAD SHOW

The notorious Earth First! Road Show featuring the dynamic duo: Johnny Sagebrush Koehler and Digger Dave Foreman has already embarked and is out there somewhere, rolling down the highways of America, perhaps in <u>your</u> vicinity. If at all possible, try to join the boys to share ideas, socialize, organize, theorize, energize... whatever! Also, outrageous, one-of-a-kind items will be available for you to buy. Astound/confound your friends or enemies with an EF! T-shirt, Little Green Songbook, Ed Abbey 1982 Western Wilderness Calendar, and assorted irreverent bumperstickers.

Following is the Road Show schedule for the Southwest and Colorado, along with the names of the local contacts. If you can join the festivities somewhere along the line, give the contact person a call to find out the details for that area.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact:

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Southwest and Colorado ROAD SHOW Schedule

Oct 28	DALLAS/FT. WORTH, TX	Rhonda Wesstrom 420 So. Pecan, Arlington, TX 76010
Nov 8	EL PASO, TX	Wes Leonard - (915) 545-2217 (R)
9	ALBUQUERQUE, NM	Michael Hamilton - (505) 277-3312 (O)
10	DURANGO, CO	Steve Ranworth 8593 Highway 172, Ignacio, CO 81137
11	TELLURIDE, CO	Artful Goodtimes - (303) 728-4748 (R)
12	WALSENBURG, CO	Michael Riversong - (303) 738-1773
13	BRECKENRIDGE, CO	Connie Lewis - (303) 453-0617 (R)
14	DENVER, CO	Fred Rundlet - (303) 338-1255
15	BOULDER, CO	Ellen Klaver - (303) 442-4873
17	LOGAN, UT	Karin Hilding - (801) 678-2086
18	SALT LAKE CITY, UT	Ken Sanders - (801) 355-2154
19	MOAB, UT	Kathy Kitchell - (801) 259-5227
21	FLAGSTAFF, AZ	Kay Gearhart - (602) 297-1434
23	TUSCON, AZ	Steve Johnson - (602) 297-1434
Nov 25	SILVER CITY, NM	Bob Langsenkamp - (505) 388-4326

ROAD SHOW PROGRESS!

Sep 9 PORTLAND, OR - First stop! 40 enthusiastic folks participated in a picnic/presentation. Later, a fine party at Eileen Key's home.

11 JACKSON, WY - Anti-Watt demonstration. A high-spirited crowd of 350 inspired participants. Howie Wolke introduced himself to Watt, ("Mr. Secretary, I just wanted to shake your hand. I'm Howie Wolke, and I organized the Dump Watt demonstration over there.") Howie got in a good crunching handshake before the Secret Service whisked Watt away...EF! speeches and music drove 65 pro-Watt loggers away.

12 BURNS, OR - Spoke and played to over 200 people (including Worthington, NW Regional Forester and Congressman Weaver) at OWC Annual Conference. Organized six local EF! chapters. Jim Weaver gave an outstanding speech with the opening lines, "I really don't have anything more to say, Dave and Johnny said it all."

16 RENO, NV - Reno's first singing press conference! About 70 folks attended the program. A party followed.

17 DAVIS, CA - A productive informal potluck with about 30 folks, including a strategy session with Friends of the River. Evening musical entertainment by Johnny and Shortcut.

18 SAN FRANCISCO, CA - An inadvertent scenic tour of quite a few of San Francisco's one-way streets and hills, followed by a luncheon performance at the Sierra Club with about 35 folks from the Club, Friends of the Earth and Friends of the River. Slides and music followed.

19 KENTFIELD, CA - Met with about 30 people at the College of Marin. Speechifying, music, good times.

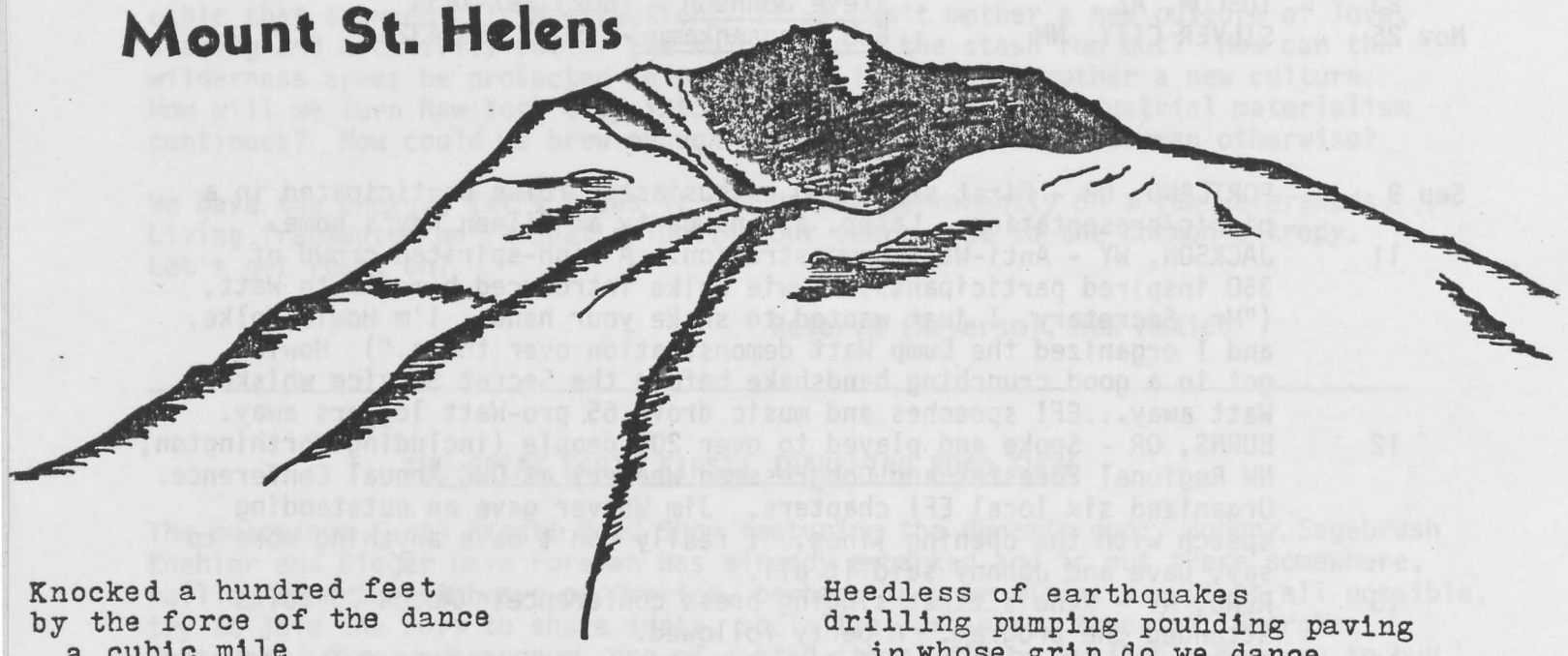
20 ARCATA, CA - A 30-minute gig in front of two thousand plus during a fair in the square, followed by an evening session with about 40. Blasted the Burton Bill during a morning news conference.

Yet More ROAD SHOW Progress!

Sep 21	(A couple of days in the Redwoods and Oregon Dunes)
23	EUGENE, OR - Met with about 40 folks at the University. Talked strategy with the Oregon Wilderness Coalition and other local groups.
24	SEATTLE, WA - Met with about 35 at a potluck and medicine show at Rose and Susan's house. Dave and Johnny rattled the roof with fiery rhetoric and singing.
25	(Visited Olympic National Park)
26	PORTLAND, OR - Strategy session with local rabble rousers on the anti-Watt demonstration on October 15.
27	WALLA WALLA, WA - Sang and talked with a large group whose main interests are nuclear power and water issues.

More progress will be reported in the next newsletter.

Mount St. Helens



Knocked a hundred feet
by the force of the dance
  a cubic mile
blast of magma song
blown from the guts of the mountain
     they clung to each other
     the couple in their tent
as we cling
  to the brink of disaster
building volcanoes of plutonium
with our childrens' arms
       thrown round the fences

In the papers it said
only the couple's dog survived
    & as if by a miracle gave birth
to pups which the rescuers found
       days later
buried in ash

Heedless of earthquakes
drilling pumping pounding paving
    in whose grip do we dance
business as usual
        & what miracle
can we expect
when the earth's drums
          varnished with chemicals
          & crammed full of wastes
begin their death song

Let us stretch a new skin & heal the drum
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• artful goodtimes •

EARTH FIRST! NEWS

EARTH FIRST! is receiving a BUNCH OF Mail these days from the Midwest, South, and East, as well as the West. Much of this response is from the PROGRESSIVE article which is appearing in the October issue, now available. Look for it, and welcome to all new members!

The NEXT NATIONAL GATHERING of EARTH FIRST! will be in January -- in Eugene, OR, when Watt and Crowell speak to the timber beasts. Plan now to attend? Details in the next newsletter.

An OCCUPATION OF THE GROS VENTRE ROADLESS AREA in Wyoming to prevent oil drilling in that area is being planned now by EF! Details are forthcoming.

EARTH FIRST! is growing. But we're going to keep it simple. From now on, with the exception of the Road Show stuff which goes to Karen Tanner, EVERYTHING will be sent directly to:

Prickly Pete Dustrud
EARTH FIRST!
P.O. Box 26221
Salt Lake City, UT 84104

Prickly Pete will serve as general clearing house for all correspondence and goods although there are several other volunteers across the country who will be handling specifics (Gary Lawless - T-shirts, bumberstickers; Susan Morgan - membership, etc.). Prickly Peter is the new Editor and Publisher of the EF! Newsletter.

SCHWARZENEGGER MOVES! His own words: "I've decided to practice what I preach... that is to become a hunter/gatherer. I figure that the only place that a semi-rural klutz like myself can succeed is in the Pacific Northwest somewhere, where it is possible to subsist off the mussels, undersized halibut, and flotsam and jetsam generally (some of which is edible). Anyway send any communiques to me in case of EARTH FIRST, P.O. Box 26221, Salt Lake City, UT 84004. The box holder at my previous address may forward my mail if I pay him what I owe him and post cards coming through aren't too weird. Doesn't seem too likely though. Thanks for all those great 'Ecotrick' descriptions and pictures, and keep 'em coming in"

Don Schwarzenegger

STOCKMAN ON ACID RAIN

"I kept reading these stories that there are 170 lakes dead in New York that will no longer carry any fish or aquatic wildlife. And it occurred to me to ask the question...how much are the fish worth in these 170 lakes that account for 4 percent of the lake area of New York?"

"Does it make sense to spend billions of dollars controlling emissions from sources in Ohio and elsewhere if you're talking about a very marginal volume of dollar value, either in recreational terms or commercial terms?"

Democrat and Chronicle
Rochester, NY
September 22, 1981

"The fact that man does not consider himself a part of nature, but indeed considers himself superior to matter, seemed to me to gain significance when placed against man's attitude that woman is both inferior to him and closer to nature...I hope the reader will enter these spaces as I have entered them, moving through these ways of seeing with passion, and will hear the voices as I hear them, especially the great chorus of women and nature, which will swell with time. And I hope the reader will know, too, though this is just a book and thus just a fiction, that the feelings which enter these words are very real, and that in this matter of woman and nature we have cause to feel deeply."

from the preface
WOMAN AND NATURE
Susan Griffin

Dear Fort Collins:

It was with great interest that I read your brilliant letter outlining the "new" environmental agenda, in Volume 1, No. 7, of the EARTH FIRST! Newsletter. I am in basic agreement with your approach, which I would term the "whole stogie" strategy (i.e., When you catch your kid sneaking a Salem behind the shed, and you make him/her smoke a whole 15¢ cigar, so as to turn green and vomit all over his/her shoes, never to light up again). What you have basically described is aversion therapy, with the whole of Western Civilication as the focus. Right arm!

However, I think that many in our readership have an innate grasp of the theory and practice that you outlined, and your criticism is somewhat unjustified. See the treatise in Volume 1, Number 3, by the Masked Mason on defensive littering for a rather revisionist application. See James Watt (Hon. EARTH FIRST! Membership Chairperson), all the time for a genuinely radical approach. In fact, no other so-called environmental group has embraced our current Interior Secretary so warmly (nay, passionately) as we have.

Admittedly, some of our partisans suffer from a certain ambivalence regarding this strategy, and may even have signed that revisionist petition to remove the courageous standard-bearer of the "new environmentalism" from his high office in Interior, circulated by those running coyote apologists of technocratic backpacking and humanism in general -- the Sarah Club. But what the hell? We all regress sometime.

Your strategies are all well and good, but they really don't put it on the line. The "acid test" -- to again borrow from the Moral Majority -- for a "born again" environmentalist (preferably the grotier, the better) is to get out and demonstrate our support for Secretary Watt in his various public appearances and tell the media why we are so enthused.

Don Schwarzenegger
The Northwest

IMPORTANT ECONOMIC NEWS!!!

Well, shucks, we thought we could do it, but it is now as clear as the wart on Jim Watt's nose that we can't. We thought that we could be real laid back on the subject of money. It turns out that we're going to have to suspend our voluntary dues policy.

So, beginning with the next newsletter, dated December 21, we must have received a $10 contribution from you in order to keep sending you the EARTH FIRST! Newsletter.

(Those pleading poverty may kick in fewer $$$.)

It costs over $5 a year to send each member the Newsletter. The remainder of the membership dues fund projects like the Road Show, anti-Watt rallies, the Glen Canyon crack, etc. (no one in EARTH FIRST! receives a salary.) The money which is sent in goes a long way; EARTH FIRST! is exceptionally cost-efficient.

There will be a red check on the December 21, Newsletter mailing label if you are a paid member. Thank you! Your donation is greatly appreciated.

If no red check appears, and you wish to continue to receive the EARTH FIRST! Newsletter, please fill out the form below, and send money! Thanks very much.

Of course EARTH FIRST! is always happy to receive any Rockefeller-sized donations!

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_____ Yes, I wish to continue to be a part of EARTH FIRST! and receive the EF! Newsletter. Here's $10 or more.

_____ I plead poverty. Here's $5.

_____ You idiots. I've already paid. See details below.

WATT'S ON SECOND

Hello, Federal Information Center.
No, Watt's the name of the Secretary of the Interior.
What don't you know?
Watt's his name.
Sir, can you be a little more precise with your questions?

If you say so, sir...

No, Watt's the name of the guy who gives the national forests to the oil companies.
Watt.
Right.
Yes sir. Are there any other questions?

But sir, in your example, WHO calls the Secretary of the Interior.

I'm glad we've got that straightened out, sir: you're absolutely right.
Yes.
No, WHO calls Watt.
Exactly.
Perhaps I should make it simpler...
No, the President calls WHO. WHO calls Watt.

Just like I told you.
Yes.

Oh, those are our Secretaries of Energy and Human Rights.

Say, what's the name of the Secretary of State?

I don't know.
The name of the Secretary of the Interior. That's what I'd like to know.

Listen, say the World Health Organization, you know, WHO, wants to pass a ban on the sale of infant formula in the Third World. They call the White House and get the Secretary of the Interior. He calls the Secretary of State, who tells the President to vote against it. OK?
So, what's the name of the guy who tells the President to vote against the formula ban?

Who?
What?
So, what's his name?

There sure are. Who calls the Secretary of State?

Right. So, what's the name of the guy WHO calls?

Right about what?
So, who calls who?
What?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

So, who calls the President?

What? That's right. I know...
So, let me get this straight...
What's the name of the Secretary of the Interior?
And who's gonna call him?
So, Who calls What, What calls the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State calls the President, and he calls who?
I don't know, and I DON'T GIVE A DAMN!

Washington, DC

GET YOUR GOODS NOW!

A number of terrific and useful items are available from EARTH FIRST!, and here they are:

T-SHIRTS - EARTH FIRST! with the EF! logo on the front. $7 + $1 postage & handling
WATT ME WORRY/DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR/EF! showing the now famous illustration of Watt within the Dept's seal holding a gun, with one foot on the buffalo. EF! logo on back. $8 + $1 postage & handling

LI'L GREEN SONGBOOK - Johnny Sagebrush's notorious collection of bawdy/rowdy/poignant(!) by-the-campfire songs. Great for demonstrations, parties, wakes. $2 + $.25 postage & handling

1982 EDWARD ABBEY CALENDAR - A 12-month, full-color environmental wilderness calendar based on the writings of Ed Abbey. Annotated with author's quotes, real & fictitous dates, etc., including a short essay by Abbey and 13 color photos by Philip Hyde (Slickrock), David Muench (Desert Images), John Blaustein (Hidden Canyon), Gary Smith (Windsinger), David Sumner, John Telford, Tom Till, and John P. George. Calendar is illustrated with drawings by Jim Stiles of Journey Home. 9 x 12. Printed on 100 lb gloss enamel. $5.95 + $1 postage & handling

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Watt Next	Geeks Unite	Damn Watt Not Rivers
Watt Wilderness	I Know Watts Wrong	Malthus Was Right
Out Damned Watt	Watt Me Worry	Rednecks for Wilderness
Free the Colorado	Wilderness Now or Never	Earth First!
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